

**TOWN OF WEBSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DONALD BOURQUE, CHAIRMAN
MARK DOWGIEWICZ, VICE CHAIRMAN
ANDREW JOLDA
WILLIAM STARZEC
RANDALL BECKER**

A Board of Selectmen's Meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Town Hall on Monday, March 7, 2016. Selectman Bourque called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Attendance: Randall Becker, William Starzec, Andrew Jolda, Mark Dowgiewicz and Donald Bourque

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Bourque led the Selectmen in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjournment

Chairman Bourque adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 6:02 P.M. in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21a, Item 3: To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares and Item 6: To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

Motion: made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to enter into Executive Session and to return to open session.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Chairman Bourque - yes.

Chairman Bourque reconvened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to table the regular session and executive session meeting minutes until the next meeting.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Chairman Bourque - yes.

Vote to amend the Membership of the Economic Development Committee

Ms. Leduc stated they have been having a problem getting membership to the Economic Development Committee. She stated she would like to amend the membership to be more geared for local businesses.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Jolda to amend the membership of the Economic Development Committee as proposed.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Chairman Bourque - yes.

Ms. Leduc stated they have three interested business owners who would like to join the Economic Development Committee.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Becker to appoint Erik Marcoux, Chris Charniak and Brian Kretchman to the Economic Development Committee.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Chairman Bourque - yes.

Kenny Pizzetti – 2016 Beach/Compost Stickers – Discussion

Mr. Pizzetti came forward. Ms. Leduc stated she gave the Board the requested information. She stated the Board has a side-by-side comparison of the proposed rates. She stated it would be very difficult to distinguish a child who is 8 years and older in order to charge them a walk-in fee. Selectman Becker stated the age bracket could be tough and said the Board might want to think about using 18 years and older to charge walk-ins. Mr. Pizzetti stated the Memorial Beach Advisory Committee worked very hard on putting something together but feels that there is no need for a change at this time. He stated they need to start getting the season underway.

Selectman Becker stated he liked the daily rate for residents. Ms. Leduc stated the Board needs to remember that kids are working the gate. Mr. Pizzetti stated he didn't feel right charging Bartlett High School kids who come down and play basketball. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated the Town should charge walk-ins over the age of 18 years olds. Selectman Starzec stated he would like more people to come to the beach but don't want to lose revenue. He stated he liked the idea of having two different rates for weekend and weekday. Chairman Bourque asked what the price would be for just the compost. Ms. Leduc stated they would need to do a cost analysis. Neil Dixson stated the DPW should know how much it costs to run the compost facility per year. He stated something is lacking in the bookkeeping. Ms. Leduc stated they have all the information on the costs associated with running the compost facility but don't have any data on how many stickers would be purchased to cover the costs. Ken Mandile stated the beach and the compost are unrelated items and should be separated. Mr. Pizzetti stated a lot of towns do not offer compost anymore. Ms. Leduc stated they should charge \$25.00 for a compost sticker.

Motion: made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Starzec to change the 2016 beach/compost rates as discussed.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Chairman Bourque - yes.

Selectman Becker stated he would like to thank the Memorial Beach Advisory Committee for all of their hard work.

Acting Town Administrator's Report

Ms. Leduc stated she attended a meeting with representatives from SWCCC and EOPSS Secretary Daniel Bennett and Undersecretary Jennifer Queally on Monday, February 22, 2016.

She stated she attended an Economic Development Committee meeting on Monday, February 22, 2016.

She stated she participated in Clerical Unit contract negotiations on Tuesday, February 23, 2016.

She stated she participated in DPW Unit contract negotiations on Tuesday, February 23, 2016.

She stated she attended a Library Planning and Building Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2016.

She stated she conducted departmental budget review meeting on Wednesday, February 24th, Thursday, February 25th, Friday, February 26th, Monday, February 29th and Wednesday, March 2nd.

She stated she attended a meeting with representatives from WRTA, the Police Department and Representative McKenna on Friday, February 26, 2016.

She stated she held a DPW Team meeting on Monday, February 29, 2016.

She stated she attended a Police/Fire Building Committee meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2016.

She stated she attended a Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2016.

She stated the FY16 3rd quarter utility bills are due on Monday, March 14, 2016.

She stated the Finance and School Committees would like to schedule a joint meeting with the Board to discuss the FY17 budget. It was decided that the Board would call for a joint meeting for Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Park Ave Elementary School.

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Becker to approve the Acting Town Administrator's Report.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Chairman Bourque - yes.

Old Business

Chairman Bourque stated the Board did not received any letter of interest for the Memorial Beach Advisory Committee or the Town Administrator Search Committee. He stated the Board will add both items to the next agenda.

New Business

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish's request for a "One Day" liquor license for Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Chairman Bourque - yes.

Ms. Leduc stated the Library Building Committee is looking for temporary space to house the library until the construction is complete for the new library. She stated they have discussed several options and the Library Building Committee has put forth the suggestion of using the Town Hall Auditorium for 18 months to two years. She stated this would be a cost savings for the project. She stated the Committee feels this would be the best option. She stated Rena Klebart and herself have met with Mr. Craver and discussed moving the polling precincts to the Senior Center and the First United Church. She stated they do need a vote from the Board to have Mr. Craver request the temporary relocation of the polling place. Chairman Bourque asked if the town had a plan B just in case it doesn't work out. Ms. Leduc stated the Church would be charging a fee. Selectman Starzec stated he would suggest the Committee speak with local businesses owners to see if there was any viable space that could be used. He stated the Town would lose public hearing and local events space. Selectman Jolda stated the Library Building Committee is coming before the Board on March 21, 2016 to give an update on the project.

Motion: made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the temporary relocation of the polling places.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Chairman Bourque - yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Becker to approve the Library Contract for Designer Services.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Chairman Bourque - yes.

Chairman Bourque read the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants.

Motion: made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to open the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Chairman Bourque - yes.

Ted Avlas and Dr. Barbara Malkas came forward. Mr. Avlas stated there has been a determination that there were some deficiencies with Bartlett High School. He stated the Board received information in their packets. He stated they are currently working on the Statement of Interest. He stated there are numerous problems. He stated these problems are not an emergency but they are declining in function fast. He stated there are HVAC issues, boiler issues, windows need to be replaces, roof is leaking and the school grounds need to be updated. He stated submitting this Statement of Interest does in no way guarantee any funding. Dr. Malkas stated they would also like to do upgrades to the Advanced Education Programs. She stated they would like to add three programs. She stated the three programs would be Pre-School, Bio Technologies and Radio & Television Broadcasting. She stated this would allow college and career readiness. She stated this would better prepare the students for life after high school. She stated the Science labs also need to be updated. She stated Bay Path would endorse them.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the Massachusetts School Building Authority's Statement of Interest.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Chairman Bourque - yes.

Mr. Avlas stated they are looking for the Board to adopt the resolution calling for full funding of the foundation budget review commission's recommendations.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Becker to adopt the resolution calling for full funding of the foundation budget review commission's recommendations.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Chairman Bourque - yes.

Informational Mail

Selectman Jolda stated the Board received a letter in their packets from Moderator Tom Ralph appointing Neil Dixson to the Finance Committee.

Adjournment

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Becker to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Chairman Bourque - yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney M. Friedland
Executive Secretary